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Dr. *TOWN of LEXINGTON, in account with NATHANIEL MULLIKEN, Treasurer.* Cr.

From March 14th, 1850, to April 24th, 1851.

To amount of interest paid on sundry notes,	\$829 98	By balance due the Town, March 14, 1850,	\$1234 83
" principal " "	4900 00	By amount J. C. Wellington, collector for 1850,	7922 36
" paid Overseers of Poor,	934 00	" borrowed,	3300 00
" Surveyors of Highways,	851 60	" State School fund,	71 04
" Roads and Bridges,	934 85	" Guardian of Mary Buckman,	41 75
" Support of Schools,	2053 35	" for Horse sold Wm. Simonds,	20 00
" Town Officers and others,	1004 73	" income of Hay Seeds,	39 76
" Miscellaneous charges,	934 10	" Rent of Town Hall Land,	5 00
" Balance due the Town,	192 13		
	<u>\$12,634 74</u>		<u>\$12,634 74</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT.

EXPENSES OF ALMSHOUSE.

Abel Butterfield, for 2187 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. fresh meat, delivered at 92 different times,	\$126 46
Reynolds & Darby, for 292 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. fresh meat,	14 82
Fresh Fish, - - -	8 38
Locke, barrel pork, - - -	15 00
J. P. Pattee, for bread, - - -	6 25
Slaughtering Hogs, - - -	2 50
	<hr/> \$173 41
Paid Parker & Davis for	
2 barrels flour, - - -	12 25
26 gallons molasses, - - -	7 02
26 lbs. coffee, - - -	3 62
38 $\frac{1}{4}$ " tea, - - -	16 33
40 " sugar, - - -	3 20
177 " salt fish, - - -	6 61
50 " butter, - - -	9 00
20 " tobacco, - - -	4 71
7 bottles liniment, - - -	1 75
Salt, - - -	1 60
	<hr/> 66 09
64 bushels Indian meal, - - -	48 18
6 " rye meal, - - -	5 60
" fine feed, - - -	7 30
Saltpetre 21, crackers 50, - - -	71
3 gallons lamp oil, - - -	2 95
Pass books, 30, snuff 79, - - -	1 09
Pruning saw \$1, Powder 50, - - -	1 50
Grass seed, - - -	10 50
Cloves 24, pepper 18, - - -	42
30 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. cheese, - - -	2 78
C. S. Hoe \$1.25, do. 63, - - -	1 88
Hoe handle 12, fusee 8, - - -	20
Seed peas 26, garden seeds 12 - - -	38
Earthen pans 65, starch 13, - - -	78

Paid for Nutmeg 12, dippers 25, - - -	\$ 37
Scythe \$1, beans 47, - - -	1 47
Paregoric 34, matches 34, - - -	68
Saleratus 25, bed cords \$1 - - -	1 25
Sieve 50, brooms 62, - - -	1 12
2 baskets and cheese boxes, - - -	1 50
2 lbs. rope 30, logwood 16, - - -	46
Ball wicking 8, rifle 12, - - -	20
25 lbs. nails \$1.17, hinges 32, - - -	1 49
Sundries 50, salts and senna 13, - - -	63
2 buckets 34, butcher's knife 29, - - -	63
Shovel \$1, curry comb 34, - - -	1 34
Lantern 75, vinegar 17, - - -	92
Almanac 6, sundry goods 23, - - -	29
Tacks 12, tray 50 - - -	62
23 lbs. turkey, - - -	3 45
Axe and handle \$1.25, Pail 50, - - -	1 75
3 wash tubs \$2.66, brooms 62, - - -	3 28
5 lard pots 50, clothes line 50, - - -	1 00
39 lbs. potash \$3.29, rosin 36, - - -	3 65
6 dozen clothes pins, - - -	24
Mustard 17, tartar 6, card 17, - - -	40
6 pipes 5, matches 45, - - -	50
Bottle fluid 33, starch 13, - - -	46
Hot drops 20, sulphur 40, - - -	60
Epsom salts 20, salve 25, - - -	45
3 pass books 12, almanac 6, - - -	18
Window Glass 8, sundries 40, - - -	48
Molasses fassett, - - -	29
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Smith and Hill for	
100 lbs. sugar, - - -	7 00
40 " " \$3.10, 2 lbs. 21 - - -	3 31
31 gallons molasses, - - -	7 74
100 lbs. butter, - - -	18 00
1 barrel flour, - - -	6 50
25 lbs. rice \$1.13, coffee 10, - - -	1 23
6 " tobacco \$1.20, saleratus 35, - - -	1 55
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tea \$2.95, bucket 37, - - -	3 32
Cinnamon 33, cloves 10, - - -	43
Raisins 32, Nails 15, - - -	47
16 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. cheese, - - -	1 30
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. nutmeg, 74, soap 32 - - -	1 06
Cassia, - - -	33
Smith & Hill, - - -	<hr/> 52 24
W. H. H. Reed, for	
18 bushels meal, - - -	14 12
5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " rye meal, - - -	4 47
31 gallons molasses, - - -	789

Paid for 31½ lbs. butter, - - -	\$5 04
1 barrel flour, - - -	6 75
8½ lbs. cheese, - - -	68
Salt \$1.69, snuff 23, - - -	1 92
Ginger 13, Pepper 30, - - -	43
12 lbs. saleratus 75, oil 80, - - -	1 55
Crockery ware, - - -	2 85
40 lbs. sugar \$3, tobacco 30, - - -	3 30
Broom 13, basket 31, - - -	44
Mat 25, mop handle 12 - - -	37
Matches 17, stove polish 10, - - -	27
4 pairs mittens, - - -	2 00

\$52 08

Wm. H. Smith, 2d, for

1 barrel flour, - - -	6 25
200 lbs. salt fish, - - -	7 25
24 " cheese, - - -	2 05
½ bushel beans \$1, 1 gallon oil 70, - - -	1 70
15 gallons molasses, - - -	3 75
3 lbs. tobacco, - - -	65

21 65

Benjamin Gleason, for

4 hens, of Butterfield, - - -	2 00
Wm. Smith, cart saddle, - - -	3 00
" " repairs of harness, - - -	2 00
Thos. Greenleaf, use of cart, - - -	1 00
2 bushels potatoes of I. Mulliken, - - -	1 00
" Marshal Wellington, - - -	25
Expenses of 14 market days, - - -	5 18
" to Brighton, - - -	50
Horse liniment, - - -	1 00
I. Mulliken, 2 bushels beans, - - -	1 50
6 lbs. paint 75, turnip seed 25, - - -	1 00
E. Simmons, use of roller, - - -	75
J. Butterfield, teaming pork, - - -	37
2 bags meal, - - -	2 92
20 barrels \$4, setting shoe 10, - - -	4 10
F. M. Harrington, use of horse, - - -	50
N. Chandler, use of cider mill, - - -	90
Making 8 shirts, - - -	1 33
Wakefield, for tin ware, - - -	1 34
Coal hod and shovel, - - -	95
Lakeman, repairing clock, - - -	50
Pasturing 2 cows, - - -	5 00
Other expenses of cows, - - -	1 74
J. P. Merriam, use of oxen 4½ days, - - -	5 00
A. Chamberlin, for oxen, - - -	3 50
Samuel Locke, 12½ days, - - -	3 13
Eben Homer, 7 days, - - -	7 00

Paid Peter Bannon, for ditching and bogging, \$13 00	
J. G. Sherman, ½ day, - - -	50
Michael Crowley, 3 days, - - -	2 25
2 measures and repairs, - - -	49

73 70

Supplies furnished those not in the Alms House.

Edward Winship, - - -	15 52
Nursing Mrs. Winship, - - -	3 00
Wood for Martha Smith, - - -	11 34
Fuel and Goods, for J. Trask, - - -	8 61
Cash paid Cynthia Blodgett, - - -	15 00
" Jona. Wood - - -	10 00
Expenses of Eliza Stearns, - - -	62 96
John Bannon, son's board, - - -	10 00
Board of Joel Stearns, - - -	4 84
Goods for John Johnson, - - -	4 00
Supplies furnished poor travellers, - - -	2 09

147 36

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Wm. Brigham, for cart, - - -	55 00
Benjamin Gleason, services, - - -	260 01
" " note and interest, - - -	132 18
Wyman, for manure, - - -	16 00
J. D. Sumner, mason work, - - -	9 50
A. E. Bridge, for cow, - - -	35 00
Isaac Hoffmaster, " - - -	35 00
Philip Russell " - - -	34 00
Cooking range, - - -	36 00
J. H. Russell, for coal, - - -	26 66
Hollis Gerry, dry goods, - - -	39 65
Davis, for blacksmith work, - - -	6 32
Wm. Hudson, mending shoes, - - -	3 15
Sherman, for teaming milk, - - -	2 25
Blasting rocks, - - -	3 00
O. W. Kendall, sexton, - - -	6 00
Loammi Saunders, interest, - - -	1 80
Samuel Rice, sundries, - - -	1 63
C. K. Tucker, wheelwright work, - - -	14 37
Postage, - - -	50
Dr. Currier, medical services, - - -	42 25
J. S. Parker, note, - - -	37 00
Services as overseer, - - -	30 00
William Brigham, note, - - -	18 50
Services as overseer, - - -	15 00
Samuel Rice, ditto, - - -	15 00
Amount miscellaneous, - - -	

875 77

Expenses out of the house,	-	-	\$147 36
Gleason paid,	-	-	73 70
W. H. Smith's bill,	-	-	21 65
W. H. H. Reed's bill,	-	-	52 08
Smith and Hill's "	-	-	52 24
Parker & Davis' "	-	-	180 06
Butterfield and others,	-	-	173 41
Whole disbursements,			<u>\$1,576 27</u>
Whole Credit,			1,394 49
Due overseers,			<u>\$181 78</u>

CREDIT BY OVERSEERS.

Received balance due last year of Town			
Treasurer,	-	-	184 00
Received balance of Grant of 1850,	-	-	750 00
" for cow sold,	-	-	22 00
" W. M. Blodgett, for milk,	-	-	103 63
" Bennett, "	-	-	51 80
" Articles of produce,	-	-	147 97
" Wm. Brigham, old cart,	-	-	18 00
" B. Gleason, for cow,	-	-	25 00
" City of Boston for Martha Nois' board,	-	-	37 50
" for Labor of Gleason and horse,	-	-	54 59
Whole credit,			<u>1,394 49</u>

SCHOOLS.

CENTRE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Z. D. Johnson's services, 12 weeks,	66 00
" E. D. Pratt, "	60 00
Paid Mr. E. A. Rogers, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ months,	130 00
Miss S. E. Richardson, 13 weeks,	65 00
Samuel Rice, as follows:	
B. Thompson, 5 tons coal,	31 25
Putting in same,	1 25
$\frac{3}{4}$ cord wood, and cutting,	6 00
Wm. Locke and Francis Willis, building fires,	1 25
Repairing settees,	1 00
" windows and black board,	50
Building coal binn,	75

Paid for Coal Hod, Dippers, &c.,	-	-	\$1 33
Brooms, brushes, and chalk,	-	-	1 83
3 charts,	-	-	5 00
Pail and brush,	-	-	40
Mrs. McMahon, for cleaning school house,	-	-	16 00
Miss Z. D. Johnson, services 10 weeks,			55 00
Miss E. D. Pratt, "			50 00
Wm. Locke, building fires and sweeping, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks,	-	-	12 50
Sawing and splitting wood,	-	-	3 00
J. Viles, 6 feet wood,	-	-	3 75
Mr. McMahon,	-	-	1 50
2 feet pine wood,	-	-	1 00
2 brooms of W. H. H. Reed,	-	-	62
Ira Leland, 2 books	-	-	45
Man's services,	-	-	75
S. E. Richardson, for map,	-	-	50

516 63

SOUTH-EAST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Susan E. Rice, services 16 weeks,	\$64 00
Mr. S. D. Hayden, services 4 months,	220 00
Miss S. E. Rice, 13 weeks,	67 58
Mr. W. H. Ropes, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks,	128 41
Wm. Brigham, for coal,	20 33
Making fires and sweeping house,	9 68
Cleaning rooms,	2 00

512 00

NORTH-EAST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Miss M. A. Merriam, services 24 weeks,	\$120 00
Mr. James Parker, services 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks,	118 12

238 12

SOUTH DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Lucretia K. Viles, services 28 weeks,	-	-	\$126 00
Do., for 15 weeks,	-	-	90 00
for 4 cords of wood, and cutting and splitting,	-	-	26 00
Sweeping and building fires,	-	-	6 00
Washing room twice,	-	-	2 00
Setting glass,	-	-	1 75
Warning district meeting,	-	-	1 00
Pail, dipper, bowl, &c.,	-	-	1 03

Paid for Towel, broom, brush, &c., -	\$1 25	
Clock, and repairing same, -	4 13	
Books and ink, -	3 01	
		\$262 17

WEST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Lucy A. Downing, services 18 weeks, -	\$90 00	
Mr. Charles Tidd, services 4 3-11 months, -	149 00	
for 2½ cords wood, -	11 25	
Sawing and splitting same, -	3 75	
Chairs, -	1 40	
Brooms and towels, -	1 00	
Building fires, -	6 43	
Repairing house, -	1 50	
		\$264 33

NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Miss L. B. Fiske, services 5½ months, -	\$110 00	
Miss Lucy Dodge, services 20 weeks, -	120 00	
for 4 cords wood, -	19 00	
Cutting same, -	5 75	
2 brooms, -	60	
Making fires and care of room, -	4 75	
		\$260 10

REPAIRING SCHOOL-HOUSES.**Centre District.**

Paid Samuel Rice for laying floor, &c., -	\$6 25	
for repairs at sundry times, -	1 75	
I. N. Damon, repairing windows, -	95	
A. P. Richardson, iron work, -	3 38	
A. Goddard, zinc, -	75	
for repairing settee, -	25	
		\$13 33

South-east District.

Paid Wm. Brigham for repairing stove, -	\$4 25	
A. Goddard, " " -	75	

Paid for repairs of house, -	\$2 00	
E. Gleason, repairing windows, -	1 17	
for brooms, dipper and ink, -	1 78	
		\$9 95

South District.

Paid I. N. Damon for painting school room, -	\$3 13	
Davis Clark for carpenter work, -	6 18	
Wm. Locke, plastering and whitewashing, -	1 75	
for 1½ days work at school-house, -	1 50	
		\$12 56

North District.

Paid N. H. Reed for 2 locks, -	\$0 53	
for repairs of windows, -	50	
" appendage, -	1 00	
		\$2 03
Paid Charles Tidd for 39 square rods of land for North school-house, -		\$200 00

RECAPITULATION**Of Expenses connected with Schools.**

Paid Centre District, -	\$516 63	
for repairs, -	13 33	
Southeast District, -	512 00	
for repairs, -	9 95	
South District, -	262 17	
for repairs, -	12 56	
West District, -	264 33	
North " -	260 10	
for repairs, -	2 03	
Northeast District, -	238 12	
for land for North District, -	200 00	
		\$2,291 22

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid J. F. Simonds, 37½ days, -	\$75 00	
S. A. Davis, blacksmith work, -	2 79	
J. A. Locke, self and oxen 22 days, -	66 00	
Luke W. Wright, self and oxen 16½ days, -	49 50	

Paid for man 9 days,	-	-	\$13 50
use of plough,	-	-	1 50
John Ryan, 16 days,	-	-	16 00
James Crawley, 11½ days,	-	-	11 50
Pat McGrath, 45½ days,	-	-	55 25
James Bailey,	-	-	50
Benj. Fiske, horse and cart 2½ days,	-	-	4 12
for blasting rocks,	-	-	1 28
Parker & Davis, 4 shovels, 10 lbs. nails,	-	-	
powder and fuse,	-	-	4 75
Wm. Page for gravel,	-	-	50
Benj. Locke for stone,	-	-	75
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			\$302 94
Paid Galen Allen, 40 days,	-	-	80 00
Frank Finley, 50 days,	-	-	62 50
Oceanna Straw, 34 days,	-	-	42 50
John O'Neil, 23½ days,	-	-	23 50
Reuben L. Cooper, 2½ days,	-	-	3 12
Timothy Collins, 3½ days,	-	-	3 50
Pat. Daley, 7 days,	-	-	7 87
for labor of oxen, 25 days,	-	-	31 25
J. A. Wellington, do. 5 days	-	-	6 25
Eli Simonds, 7 days	-	-	10 75
for horse 1 day, cart 8 days,	-	-	3 25
horse keeping 16½ weeks,	-	-	34 50
Wm. L. Smith, use of cart,	-	-	1 25
Wm. Gleason, man and oxen,	-	-	1 50
A. W. Briant, blacksmith work,	-	-	1 51
S. A. Davis, " "	-	-	3 08
Ammie Hall, " "	-	-	50
John A. Russell, " "	-	-	39
Wm. Brigham, pick handle,	-	-	25
Pat. McGrath, 10 days,	-	-	12 50
Lock, Smith & Wellington,	-	-	2 00
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			\$331 97
Paid Luke Wright, 37 days,	-	-	74 00
for labor of oxen 22 days, cart and	-	-	
plough,	-	-	36 00
for horse keeping 4 weeks,	-	-	11 00
Abijah Harrington, 2d, 30 days,	-	-	37 50
Charles Stearns, 2 days,	-	-	2 25
Pat. McGrath, 22 days,	-	-	27 12
Morgan O'Brien, 2 days,	-	-	2 00
Daniel Kenisteen,	-	-	1 25
for 125 loads gravel,	-	-	3 75
Charles Tidd, pasturing horse,	-	-	7 00
S. A. Davis, repairing tools,	-	-	1 89
for shovel and hoe handle,	-	-	93
mending harness,	-	-	1 00

Paid Pat. Daley, 4 days,	-	-	\$4 50
— Bartlett, 2 days,	-	-	2 50
Cyrus Reed for 2 men and oxen 1 day,	-	-	4 00
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			\$216 69

Building Street on Petition of David Leavitt.

Paid Galen Allen, 8 days,	-	-	\$16 00
for hired men 11 days,	-	-	13 75
horse and cart, 8½ days,	-	-	10 62
keeping road horse 11 days,	-	-	4 25
Luke Wright and oxen, 7¼ days,	-	-	21 75
J. C. Wellington, men, horse and cart,	-	-	
7 days,	-	-	17 50
J. A. Wellington, oxen 6¼ days,	-	-	7 81
Jonas Munroe, cart 5½ days,	-	-	1 38
Pat. Berry, labor 5½ days,	-	-	5 50
Pat. Daley, labor 6 days,	-	-	6 00
James Healey, 7 days,	-	-	7 00
Sherman Wood, 8 days,	-	-	8 00
Pat. Wolland, 7½ days,	-	-	7 50
Pat. McGrath, 8½ days,	-	-	10 63
A. P. Richardson, blacksmith work,	-	-	1 81
S. A. Davis, " "	-	-	58
David Leavitt for stone bounds and set-	-	-	
ting same,	-	-	3 00
Clerk's fees for entry of petition,	-	-	2 40
bill of costs laying out,	-	-	43 86
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			\$189 34

Railing Roads.

Paid Lincoln Haywood for 200 chestnut posts,	\$41 00
Isaac Huffmaster, 50 " "	10 00
Jesse Hall & Son, 11,307 feet spruce	
lumber,	135 66
for R. R. transportation of same,	7 37
O. W. Kendall and horse 24½ days put-	
ting up railing,	55 13
S. A. Davis, repairing iron posts,	20
S. W. Hendley, 4 days labor,	7 00
James Crowley, 4 days labor,	4 00
for digging 190 post holes,	11 88
Wm. Chandler, teaming,	75
A. Harrington, 2d, 3½ days,	4 38
S. A. Houghton, teaming,	3 00
George Tuttle, 1½ days,	2 50

Paid J. Garmon, digging holes, - -	\$1 70	
Parker & Davis, 280 lbs. spikes and nails, - -	13 83	
J. Fogg for labor, - -	1 50	
for spikes, - -	15	
		\$300 05

Rebuilding Bridges.

Paid J. F. Simonds, 4½ days labor on bridge near G. Henchman, - -	9 00	
Pat. McGrath, 4½ days, - -	5 62	
J. A. Locke and team 3½ days, - -	10 50	
for 2 stone of N. Chandler, - -	2 00	
		\$27 12
Paid J. F. Simonds, 14 days labor on bridge near A. P. Richardson's, - -	28 00	
James Crowley, 13 days, - -	13 00	
David Harrington, 7 days, - -	12 25	
for use of derrick, - -	9 00	
A. P. Richardson, repairing tools, - -	92	
Benj. Fiske 4 days, and horse 2 days, - -	8 00	
Luke Wright with oxen, 4½ days, - -	13 50	
Pat. McGrath, 24½ days, - -	27 62	
Mrs. Mussey for stones, - -	2 25	
		\$114 54
Paid Galen Allen, 5 days labor on bridge on Bedford Road, - -	10 00	
S. W. Robinson, 2 days, - -	4 00	
for 9½ days by Allen's men, - -	9 50	
oxen, 4½ days, - -	4 50	
J. C. Wellington, oxen 3 days, - -	3 75	
" " man 2 days, - -	2 50	
James Crowley, 3 days, - -	3 00	
Thomas Cutler for 4 stone, - -	1 00	
N. Jewett for 1 stone, - -	25	
S. A. Davis, repairing tools, - -	62	
		\$39 12
Paid Galen Allen for discontinuing and filling up dry bridge against his land, - -		\$15 00
Paid N. Garmon, 5½ days labor on bridge near Wm. L. Smith's, - -	11 00	
J. P. Gould, 5½ days, - -	8 75	
L. Brooks, 5½ days, - -	8 75	
E. Garmon and oxen, 3½ days, - -	10 50	
J. A. Russell, repairing tools, - -	60	
B. Harrington, use of truck, - -	25	
		\$39 85

Paid N. Jewett, 15 days labor on bridge near Lincoln line, - -	\$18 75	
for oxen 2 days, - -	2 00	
stone for bridge, - -	4 25	
		\$25 00
Paid city of Cambridge for repairs of Great Bridge, from March 1, 1849, to March 1, 1850, - -		\$32 76
Paid Gorham Bigelow for keeping road horse on hay and grain, from Nov. 12, to Jan. 26, - -	31 72	
do. from Jan. to April, 11 weeks, - -	13 75	
		\$45 47
Paid for fencing between railroad and burying ground, materials and labor, - -		\$52 00
Paid Moses Bacon for 25 guide boards, - -	\$40 62	
S. A. Davis for iron post, - -	2 48	
J. Winning, 8 chestnut posts, - -	8 00	
O. W. Kendall, 1 " " - -	1 00	
for 2 days labor with horse, - -	5 00	
3 days, building fence against town hall lot, - -	5 25	
Crowley \$1, nails 50 cents, - -	1 50	
B. Thompson, 25 posts, - -	5 00	
" " 535 feet boards, - -	7 84	
for freight of same, - -	58	
Daniel Hartford for 200 stone posts for bounds, - -	33 33	
		\$110 60
Paid O. W. Kendall for making bier, - -	3 50	
S. A. Davis for irons, - -	50	
I. N. Damon for painting, - -	75	
		\$4 75

EXPENSE OF RECEIVING TOMB.

Paid Chandler & Colby for granite front, - -	\$115 00	
E. Clarke for brick, - -	82 50	
O. George " - -	15 00	
W. E. Cogswell, labor, - -	40 00	
Edwards & Holman for iron door and lock, - -	21 00	
B. Thompson, lime and cement, - -	25 95	
railroad freight of same, - -	1 58	
J. Crowley for digging and grassing, - -	11 25	
O. W. Kendall, lumber and labor, - -	5 50	

Paid L. Locke for sand, - - -	\$3 25	
P. Russell for stone, - - -	6 00	
S. A. Davis for iron and labor, - - -	2 50	
Thomas Greenleaf, fixing threshold, - - -	1 00	
I. N. Damon for painting, - - -	50	
F. M. Harrington, teaming, - - -	6 50	
J. Butterfield, " - - -	2 00	
P. Russell, 2 journeys to Medford, - - -	3 00	
S. W. Robinson, to Medford and Somerville, - - -	2 00	
for superintending, - - -	4 00	
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COST OF ALMSHOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid B. Thompson & Co. for lumber, - - -	\$106 51	
F. R. R. for freight, - - -	3 61	
S. Hendley for labor, - - -	37 03	
Lowell Skelton " - - -	13 50	
J. D. Sumner " - - -	9 15	
W. H. Smith, painting, &c., - - -	9 55	
Samuel Rice, labor, \$8.25, deduct for old lumber, \$3.75, - - -	4 50	
Wm. Brigham, - - -	1 00	
Parker & Davis for nails, - - -	1 49	
W. H. H. Reed, " - - -	3 61	
for labor of Gleason, - - -	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$192 95
Paid Wier & White for printing Reports of School Committee and Auditors, - - -	\$30 00	
Paid S. W. Smith, ringing bell for funerals, 2 years, - - -	\$10 00	
Paid O. W. Kendall for care of town hall to March 1, 1851, including fuel and lights, - - -	\$56 66	
Received for use of hall, - - -	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$20 66
Paid for notifying 7 town meetings, - - -	35 00	
printing, - - -	17 50	
notifying Selectmen to draw jurors 5 times, - - -	2 50	
distributing reports, - - -	2 00	
attending 34 funerals, - - -	34 00	
Returning 35 deaths, - - -	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$115 16
Paid A. W. Bryant, town clerk, - - -	\$15 00	
for 2 record books, - - -	6 75	

Paid for recording and returning marriages, births and deaths, - - -	\$11 70	
distributing laws, - - -	2 00	
postage and paper, - - -	2 16	
printing and distributing by-laws of town, - - -	6 50	
services as Committee on same and school districts, - - -	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$47 86
Paid Parker & Davis for repairs of hay scales, - - -	16 64	16 64
illegally assessed taxes abated for Wm. Chandler, - - -	69 70	69 70
C. K. Tucker, ringing bell, - - -	35 00	35 00
Ira Leland, 34 days on General School Committee, - - -	34 00	
for freight on school books, - - -	1 25	
Fiske Barrett, 27 days, - - -	27 00	
J. A. Coolidge, - - -	23 75	86 00
Wm. Chandler, 63½ days taking valuation and making taxes, - - -	127 00	
for printing valuation, - - -	16 00	
books, stationary and postage, - - -	9 50	152 50
Silas Cutler, - - -	75 00	75 00
J. S. Parker, 42½ days, - - -	85 00	85 00
Isaac Parker, 34 days, - - -	68 00	68 00
J. C. Wellington, 32½ days, - - -	65 00	65 00
for collecting taxes and distributing valuation books, - - -	67 50	67 50
Philip Russell for journey to Chelmsford, for notifying towns and perambulating town lines, - - -	2 50	
Nichols 75 cents, Fessenden 25 cents, - - -	1 00	
for other services in town, - - -	16 50	
for recording deed, - - -	50	
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Paid S. W. Robinson, 3½ days perambulating, - - -	7 00	
West & Co. for 3 locks, - - -	3 00	
for carting and setting stone posts, - - -	1 37	
2 stone monuments, - - -	1 60	
other services in town, - - -	14 50	
	<hr/>	27 47
Paid Joseph Howe, 3½ days perambulating, - - -	7 00	
for 4½ days railing roads, - - -	9 00	
underpinning engine house, - - -	3 00	
repair of road 50 cents, engine 40 cents, - - -	90	
other services in town, - - -	18 00	
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Paid Bowen Harrington as Auditor for			
1849-'50, -	-	-	\$12 00
Isaac Parker, do., -	-	-	12 00
Sylvanus Smith, -	-	-	7 50
for Treasurer's services, -	-	-	50 00
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			\$81 50

RECAPITULATION OF WHOLE TRANSACTION.

Whole expense connected with schools, -	-	-	\$2,291 22
Surveyors, Simonds, -	-	-	302 94
“ Allen -	-	-	331 97
“ Wright, -	-	-	216 69
New street, -	-	-	189 34
Railing roads, -	-	-	300 05
Rebuilding bridge near B. Gleason's, -	-	-	27 12
“ “ “ A. P. Richardson's, -	-	-	114 54
“ “ “ James Gould's, -	-	-	39 12
“ “ “ N. Jewett's, -	-	-	25 00
City of Cambridge, -	-	-	32 76
Road horse keeping, -	-	-	45 47
Fencing against R. R., -	-	-	52 00
Guide boards and posts, -	-	-	110 60
Bier, -	-	-	4 75
Receiving tomb, -	-	-	348 53
Repairs of almshouse, -	-	-	192 95
Bridge near Wm. L. Smith's, -	-	-	39 85
“ discontinued, -	-	-	15 00
Wier & White, -	-	-	30 00
S. W. Smith, -	-	-	10 00
O. W. Kendall, -	-	-	115 16
A. W. Bryant, -	-	-	47 86
Hay scales, -	-	-	16 64
Abatements, -	-	-	69 70
Ringling bell, -	-	-	35 00
General School Committee, -	-	-	86 00
Wm. Chandler and associates, -	-	-	445 50
Collector, -	-	-	67 50
Board of Selectmen, -	-	-	93 87
Treasurer and Auditors, -	-	-	81 50
Overseers of Poor, -	-	-	934 00
Principal of sundry notes, -	-	-	4,900 00
Interest paid, -	-	-	829 98
Balance due the town, -	-	-	192 13
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			\$12,634 74

RECEIPTS OF THE TREASURER.

Balance due the town on settlement 1850, -	-	-	\$1,234 83
Received of J. C. Wellington, -	-	-	7,922 36
Borrowed, -	-	-	3,300 00
Received of State Treasurer, -	-	-	71 04
Guardian of Mary Buckman, -	-	-	41 75
Wm. Simonds for horse, -	-	-	20 00
Income of hay scales, -	-	-	39 76
Rent of town land, -	-	-	5 00
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			\$12,634 74

The town owes sundry notes amounting to -	-	\$8,718 50
The town holds a note of Benjamin Mussey for -	-	\$1,000 00

All which is respectfully submitted by

NATHANIEL MULLIKEN, } Committee.
JONAS C. WELLINGTON, }

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In closing their labors, the School Committee for the year 1850-1 ask leave, as their annual report, to make a statement of their doings and of the condition of the Schools during the year.

The duties of the Committee are comprised principally, in the two departments of examining Teachers and of visiting and examining Schools.

In regard to the first, the law makes it the duty of School Committees to ascertain the qualifications of Teachers by personal examination—a requirement the utility of which will be apparent when it is considered that this is the only way in which they can know whether or not candidates are qualified for the employment of School teaching. It is not difficult for almost any person to present written testimonials in his favor. These frequently come from sources in which confidence might be placed, could Committees be sure that those who furnish them speak from actual knowledge of the competency of the persons recommended. There is reason to think, however, that this is not always the case. Testimonials are frequently obtained from men of standing and influence out of regard to the individuals, or their friends who apply; or merely because such testimonials are asked for, and it is unpleasant to refuse them.

Nor is it certain evidence that a person is fit to be employed as teacher, because he has kept school to the satisfaction of some district, and has secured the approbation of the School Committee. A district may be satisfied without reason. Persons sometimes receive approbation that is not deserved. Your Committee, believing the requirement to personally examine candidates for teaching, a judicious one, have acted strictly upon it, and thus satisfied themselves that the literary qualifications of all the teachers who have been employed in town were good. This is about all for which the Committee can be justly considered responsible, in respect to the qualification of teachers. Their ability to maintain good order, and at the same time secure the esteem and confidence of the scholars must be

learned from trial, and failure from the want of such ability, can be guarded against only by care in engaging teachers who have proved by experience that they possess the requisite capacity. It is true that the Committee possess the power to dismiss teachers whenever they may think proper so to do; but where a teacher is engaged for a short time only, the breaking up of the School, on the uncertainty of obtaining a better teacher for the rest of the term, would generally be a greater evil than to allow the School to close with only partial success.

In visiting and examining the Schools, the Committee have endeavored to perform their duty as imposed by the law of the Commonwealth. We have examined the Schools, near the commencement and close of each term, and some one of the Committee has visited them once a month during the intervening time. We have made such suggestions and given such directions to teachers and scholars as we thought were needed.

During the year the different Schools have been attended with various success. While none of them have experienced what can properly be called a failure, some of them have done much better than others. Perhaps as a whole, they have been attended with as great a degree of success as, under the circumstances, could reasonably be expected. Most of the Schools have had one, and some of them two stranger teachers during the year. As a matter of course, several of them have not remained long enough to accomplish any great amount of good. It seems to the Committee desirable that, as far as practicable, the Schools should be supplied with permanent teachers. Care should be taken to secure such as are competent, and we should then endeavor to retain them for a sufficient time to give good proficiency to the Schools under their instruction.

In some of the Schools there has been an evident want of order—a defect fatal to the usefulness of any School, in proportion as it prevails. We think it our duty respectfully to remind all parents and others who may send scholars to the Schools, of the importance of co-operating with the teachers and the Committee in securing and maintaining good order in the Schools. We apprehend that comparatively few realize how much the success of our Schools depends upon such co-operation. Difficulty seldom occurs in school where scholars are under the right kind of influences at home. We, therefore, in behalf of the cause of education, earnestly request all to see that their influence in this respect goes in the right direction.

Irregularity in attendance has been a fault which has prevailed to an extent greater or less in all the Schools. The registers not only show that the absences of many of the scholars have been numerous, but that the habit of tardiness has been far too general. Such irregularity not only interrupts and hinders the progress of those who indulge in it, but is also, in many ways, a detriment to the whole school. Every backward scholar, and such every irregular attendant is likely to be, is a weight and drawback upon the more advanced scholars. Your Committee consider scholars whose attendance is very irregular, a great annoyance to any school, in some instances too great to be tolerated. So also are scholars who are habitually tardy. During the greater portion of the day they are interrupting the school by their continual coming and going. Some scholars who are usually late at school, and bring with them a request to be dismissed before the school closes, derive but very little benefit from their attendance. We have known some of this class of irregular scholars, who have *in this way* attended school, year after year, where most of the scholars made commendable progress, who have remained just about stationary during the whole time. And what is still worse, if any difficulty occurs in school, it is almost sure to originate with such attendants. This can be accounted for from the fact that such are seldom what can be called *good* scholars in any sense of the term. We insist that it is the duty of all who send to school, to see that their scholars are punctual and constant in their attendance, unless hindered by unavoidable causes. This duty they not only owe to their own children, but to all who are interested in the prosperity and advancement of the Schools.

The Committee have obtained for each district in town a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. These are furnished at the expense of the Commonwealth, by an Act of the Legislature, passed a year ago. We consider them important reference books for the use of the schools, and think the Legislature did a good thing in making the provision.

We have also made a change in the reading books, substituting Tower's and Walker's series for Worcester's. We endeavored carefully to examine all the different sets of reading books that came to our knowledge, and were unanimous in the opinion that those selected were the best. In this, our opinion has been sustained by numerous competent Committees in other towns. We made arrangements with the publishers to furnish the books at a greatly reduced price,

until they should be introduced. We have heard no expression of disapprobation with the change, and trust the citizens are satisfied that it was judiciously made.

We should be glad to see better school-house accommodations in all the districts than exist at present. There is but one of the school-houses in town which, in their present condition, we consider really fit for the purpose for which they were designed, and even that one would be far better were it more capacious. A school-room ought not to be filled with seats to the extent of its capacity, except just room enough to place a stove for the warming of the house.

Such, however, is too nearly the case with the school-houses in town. In one of them there are two stoves, one at each end of the room, made necessary in winter by the open condition of the house. If the design were to roast and freeze the children in about equal proportions, we can scarcely conceive of an arrangement better adapted to the purpose. There are other objections to most of the school-houses. The seats and desks are badly constructed, and most of them so much defaced as to be unfit for use. Some of the school-houses are badly located — standing almost on the line of the street, with little or no spare room around them. We think the North District mistook their interest in not building a school-house, with the appropriation made by the town for that purpose. We hope before the next winter the Centre District will be accommodated with a better school-house in a better place.

The design of our system of public education undoubtedly is, to offer equal facilities to all the children and youth in the State — to those who may reside in a poor no less than to those who may live in a rich district — to those who may belong to a small not less than to those in a large district. This is as it should be, and we cannot sympathize in the least with any feeling or action that would be calculated to pervert the object. We are glad the town has made so liberal an appropriation for the support of schools the ensuing year, and we trust it will prove a most productive investment.

For the number of scholars, the average attendance, &c., in the different schools, reference may be made to the table appended to this Report.

IRA LELAND,	} School Committee of Lexington.
JOSIAH A. COOLIDGE,	
FISKE BARRETT,	

LEXINGTON, April 7th, 1851.

DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.	Months in Summer.	Months in Winter.	Total.	Number of Scholars in Summer.	Average attendance in Summer.	Number of Scholars in Winter.	Average attendance in Winter.	Wages per Month in Summer.	Wages per Month in Winter.	Scholars under five years, in Summer.	Scholars over fifteen years, in Summer.	Scholars under five years, in Winter.	Scholars over fifteen years, in Winter.
Centre, Grammar.	Z. D. Johnson, Edwin A. Rodgers.	5½	3¼	8¾	42	28	59	51	22	40		6		17
Centre, Primary.	E. D. Pratt, S. E. Richardson.	5½	3¼	8¾	60	43	46	38	20	20	4		7	
South East, Grammar.	S. D. Hayder, Wm. H. Ropes.	4	3¾	7¾	47	40	60	49	55	38		9		25
South East, Primary.	Susan E. Rice.	4	3¾	7¾	54	43	48	43	16	20	8		2	
South.	Lucretia K. Viles.	7	3¾	10¾	36	29	40	37	18	24	2	3		7
West.	Lucy A. Downing, Charles Tidd.	4½	4¼	8¾	39	26	36	29	20	35	3	2		3
North.	Lucy B. Fiske, Lucy Dodge.	5½	5	10½	30	24	40	32	20	24				7
North East	Maria A. Merriam, James Parker.	6	3½	9½	25	19	28	21	20	35	2			4